# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM AND CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to develop Sagar, Nagarjuna, Bhattiprolu and Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh as Buddhist tourist centres;

(b) if so, whether by developing these places a lot of foreign exchange can be earned; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to develop these tourist spots?

## Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): The Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) has no proposal to develop Nagarjunasagar (Nagarjunakonda), Bhattiprolu and Amaravati as Buddhist tourist centres. Since these sites are protected by ASI, regular conservation works are being carried out to keep them in presentable condition.

(b): The ASI has already introduced ticket system at two places viz. at Amaravati and Nagarjunakonda levying Rs.5.00 each for Indian visitor and $ 2 or Rs.100.00 each for foreign visitors.

(c): Does not arise.